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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

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Public Meeting Information

The official installation
of incoming
City Councilmembers
takes place at the June 10
City Council meeting, in the
Council Chambers at 7 p.m.
The Council Chambers are
located on the second floor
of the Downtown Library,
22 S. Delaware Street.

City offices will be closed
Memorial Day,
Monday, May 31.
Emergency services and all
scheduled refuse and
recycling collections will not
be affected by the closure.

The estimated population for
the City of Chandler as of
April 1, 2004, is 221,759.

Eye To Eye Supervision -- Key To Water Safety

Each year, as the temperatures rise, residents head to the water for fun in the sun and a refreshing cool-down. While the atmosphere is lively, the situation can turn grim quickly as the tragedy of pool drownings continues to occur with each new season.

Drownings are one of the leading causes of accidental childhood deaths in Arizona, and the fact is, they are *preventable*. The following are some simple steps that you can take to ensure that a tragedy does not take place in your back yard:

- Never leave a child unobserved around water. Eye to eye supervision is the key to drowning prevention.
- Designate a "water watcher" for those next to or in any type of water.
- Enclose your yard and pool with a self-closing, self-locking fence with vertical bars. Fence openings should be no more than four inches wide. Chandler requires that pools constructed after August 7, 1993 must be provided with an interior barrier (at least 5 feet high) in addition to the exterior fencing requirements.
- Put self-closing, self latching hardware on all doors leading from the house to the pool area. Pool alarms and latches that can be placed higher than a child's reach are available in many retail stores for added safety.

- Keep furniture and toys away from the pool fence so that children can't climb over it. Trim trees in and outside of the fence so that children can't use them to climb into the pool area.

- Be aware of furniture inside the home, as well, that might be used to overcome barriers.

- Keep toys and pets away from the pool; they can cause a child to fall into the water.

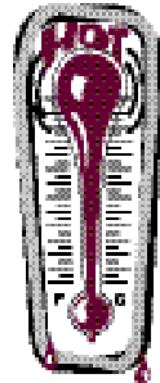
- Keep basic lifesaving equipment by the pool and know how to use it. A pole, rope and life preservers are recommended.

- Install a phone by the pool and keep a cordless phone nearby so no one has to go inside to answer a call.

- Seconds count! A swimming pool, pond, lake, canal, bathtub, toilet, or even a bucket of water can spell disaster for a child.

- Every caregiver should know cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

For more information, call Chandler Fire at (480) 782-2121.



Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Family Celebration

Mark your calendars now, for the Old-Fashioned 4th of July Celebration, Sunday, July 4, from 4 - 10:30 p.m., at Tumbleweed Park.

Each year the Chandler Lions Club hosts the Independence Day celebration. Activities include live music, food & beverage vendors, interactive amusements and a carnival for kids, and a fabulous display of fireworks at approximately 9:30 p.m. Admission is free, however there is a charge for parking. Tumbleweed Park is located at the corner of Germann and McQueen roads. For more information, call the City's special events hotline at (480) 782-2735.



Calendar Of Events

Call the Special Events Hotline
(480) 782-2735
or go to
www.ChandlerAZ.gov

May

- 13, 27 City Council meeting, (480) 782-2180
- 18 General Election, (480) 782-2180
- 21, 22 Neighborhoods Arizona Conference, Center for the Arts, (480) 732-7174
- 31 Memorial Day, City offices closed

June

- 10, 24 City Council meeting, (480) 782-2180
- 18-19 Juneteenth Celebration, Center for the Arts & Folley Park, (480) 899-3022 or (480) 963-5213

July

- 4 4th of July Celebration, Tumbleweed Park (480) 782-2735
- 19, 22 City Council meeting, 782-2180

'What's Up?' Downtown

Two new brochures are now available, highlighting the rich history and current amenities offered in Historic Downtown Chandler. The area, located just south of Chandler Boulevard and Arizona Avenue, surrounds Dr. A.J. Chandler Park.

The **Historic Walking Tour** takes you back in time, to the 1920s when Chandler was new and the area was the center of the City's agricultural surroundings. The guide takes you through the unique stages of

each of the classic downtown buildings.

The **Business Directory** highlights Arizona's first luxury resort and golf course and the areas trendy shops and award-winning restaurants. You'll find all of this in the Historic Downtown backdrop with a modern-day feel.

Discover why Historic Downtown Chandler continues its tradition of making history! Request your free copy of these brochures by calling (480) 782-3045.

Day Labor Center Open

The privately-funded and operated Day Labor Center was opened behind the Light and Life Free Methodist Church, at 501 S. Arizona Avenue, one year ago. Its purpose is to meet several needs in the community by providing laborers a safe place to negotiate a fair wage, while contractors and residents are provided with a one-stop shop for the help they need. The Center is open from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. For safety reasons, please do not stop along roadways to pick up day laborers.

New Parks Debut

Two new City parks are coming online just in time for summer fun.

ESPEE Park

This park is located north of Knox Road and west of the Hamilton Street alignment. It includes three lighted ball fields, a water spray pad, playground, parking and restrooms. ESPEE is located next to the train tracks that were once the main rail link between the Valley, Tucson and the southeast. The track was operated by the Southern Pacific or S.P. for short. Over the years S.P. was turned into ESPEE by rail enthusiasts. The railroad theme is evident in the playground and water playground design.

West Chandler Park (Phase 2)

Located south of Chandler Boulevard on Kyrene Road, West Chandler Park is now open. The Aquatics Facility, completed in Phase I, was opened in 1999. During this second stage of development, three lighted ball fields, ramada, parking, restrooms, and landscaping have been added. The playground at the Aquatic Center is now open to all park patrons. In the near future, the City's third Bark Park (for dogs), will open there as well.

What is a Bark Park?

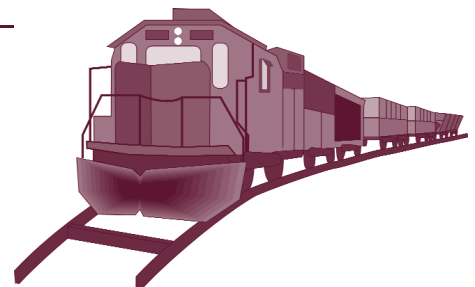
The City's Bark Parks have some unique amenities designed just for dogs, including several training obstacles: a see-saw, balance beam, tunnel, hurdles, and a large A-frame. Other amenities include benches for us humans, pooper-scoopers to pick up after Fido and his friends, doggy drinking fountains, a fake fire hydrant (at Snedigar Bark Park only), and plenty of parking. The parks are surrounded by 6-foot high chain link fences with one main entrance so dogs can't escape unleashed.

The Bark Parks are open to the public daily from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., except when they are reserved for city-sponsored programs such as dog obedience classes and Police K-9 training.

To ensure that owners and their pets have a great time while visiting one of Chandler's Bark Parks, there are a few rules all visitors must abide by.

For example, all dog owners are asked to pick up after their pooch. The City has provided pooper-scoopers and a special waste receptacle to help owners do their part.

The City also asks that the special



training obstacles be used for dogs only. They are specially designed to help train and exercise dogs, but they are not built for children or adults.

Other rules include keeping your dog under voice control and in your sight at all times. Guests are asked to leave immediately if their dog exhibits aggressive behavior toward other dogs or park users. Dogs must be vaccinated and dogs in season are not allowed. Children under 12 years old are not allowed inside the bark parks. These and other park rules are posted at the main gate of the Bark Parks.

The Bark Parks are located at:

Snedigar Sportsplex, 4500 S. Basha Rd. (Alma School south of Ocotillo Rd.).

Shawnee Park, 1400 W. Mesquite (North of Warner Rd. between Alma School and Dobson roads).

Chandler Boasts Award-Winning Channel 11 Programming

Chandler Channel 11 and PSTV Channel 98 are the City's government access stations. The award-winning shows take you behind the scenes and provide the latest information about City meetings, services, events and the people and places that make living in Chandler great! Catch one of the following shows:

Mayor's Review — The Mayor and a special guest discuss local, regional and national issues that affect Chandler.

Public Works at Work — Residents are given a closer look at the services and programs offered by the Public Works and Municipal Utilities Departments.

Team Chandler — The Police Department produces this show to highlight its crime prevention capabilities

and community policing programs which help make Chandler safe.

Chandler in Focus — A Chandler City Councilmember hosts this program which looks at community issues with a different guest each month.

Come Out & Play, Chandler — Community Services staff host this award-winning program promoting the recreation and leisure opportunities that abound in Chandler.

First Due — A fun, interesting and educational look behind the scenes of the Chandler Fire Department.

CityScope — The popular newsletter for residents comes to life in this video magazine style show.

Meetings — *City Council meetings* are televised live on the 2nd and 4th

Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. Study Sessions are televised live on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Planning & Zoning Commission meetings are televised live on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Miscellaneous programming such as Battle of the Books and State of the City are also televised.

Municipal Bulletin Board — The bulletin board is a listing of upcoming events, the programming schedule, job listings, streets information, operational hours, and more.

For a complete programming list go to www.ChandlerAZ.gov or call (480) 782-2231.

Steps To Learning

The first five years of life are a period of profound growth and change as children begin to speak, think, reason and feel. Brain research has found that both children's experiences and their relationships with others influence this early development in important and lasting ways. Through the Chandler Steps to Learning initiative, a campaign is being launched to stress the importance of early learning in our community. Look for these ads in City publications, local media, and other locations.

Not only can quality early childhood opportunities have a lasting impact on children and families, but on the entire community. For more information on how you can take the necessary steps, visit www.stepstolearning.org or any Chandler Public Library.

- 90 percent of a child's brain is developed by the age of 3.
- For every \$1 invested in high-quality early childhood education, there is an \$8 savings in criminal justice, welfare and remedial education.
- Research shows that warm, loving relationships with caring adults have a tangible and long-term influence on children's lives, contributing to optimal social, emotional, and cognitive development for infants and toddlers.

A COMMUNITY LEARNS TOGETHER

It's never too early to begin nurturing a child's social, emotional and intellectual abilities. Language and literacy begin in the first months of life, not in the first grade. You are your child's first teacher, so read often and start early - prepare your child for success.

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What are you waiting for?

TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS.

